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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF GUAM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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ARNEL S. ALIPIO,)
aka LEONARDO M. FRANCISCO,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

CRIMINAL CASE NO. 06-00010

PLEA AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(B), the United States and the defendant, ARNEL S. ALIPIO
aka LEONARDO M. FRANCISCO, enters into the following plea agreement:

1. The defendant agrees to enter a guilty plea to an Indictment charging him with False
Use of a Passport in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1543.

2(a) The defendant, ARNEL S. ALIPIO aka LEONARDO M. FRANCISCO,
understands that the maximum sentence for False Use of a Passport is a term of ten (10) years
imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment fee, which must be paid at the
time of sentencing. Any sentence imposed may include a term of supervised release of not more
than three (3) years in addition to such terms of imprisonment. Defendant understands that if he
violates a condition of supervised release at any time prior to the expiration of such term, the

1 court may revoke the term of supervised release and sentence him up to an additional two (2)
2 years of incarceration pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(3).

3 2(b) If defendant pleads guilty to this charge, the government will recommend that
4 defendant receive the minimum term of incarceration recommended by the Sentencing
5 Guidelines.

6 2(c) The government will recommend a fine within the Sentencing Guidelines range. If
7 defendant is financially unable to immediately pay the fine in full, defendant agrees to make a
8 full disclosure of his financial status to the United States Attorney's Office by completing a
9 Financial Disclosure Form (OBD-500) for purpose of fixing a monthly payment schedule.
10 Defendant understands that, by law, interest accrues on any remaining balance of the debt.

11 3. The defendant understands that to establish a violation of False Use of a Passport as
12 charged pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1546, the government must prove each of the following
13 elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

14 First: the defendant knowingly used or attempted to use a false passport in
15 an attempt to enter the United States;

16 Second: the defendant knew that the passport was false, altered, and
17 did not belong to him.

18 4. The defendant agrees that the Sentencing Guidelines apply to this offense. The
19 defendant also understands that the facts he stipulates to herein will be used, pursuant to 1B1.2,
20 in calculating the applicable guidelines level. The Government and the defendant stipulate to the
21 following facts for purposes of the Sentencing Guidelines:

22 (a) The defendant was born in 1957, and is a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines.

23 (b) If the defendant cooperates with the United States by providing information
24 concerning the unlawful activities of others, the government agrees that any self-incriminating
25 information so provided will not be used against defendant in assessing his punishment, and
26 therefore, pursuant to § 1B1.3 of the Sentencing Guidelines, this information should not be used
27 in determining the applicable guidelines range.
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1 (c) Defendant ARNEL S. ALIPIO aka LEONARDO M. FRANCISCO is a citizen of the
2 Republic of the Philippines. He purchased a passport and a transportation letter issued to a
3 Leonardo M. Francisco. The passport and transportation letter bore the photograph and date of
4 birth for another individual. Defendant then presented the passport and transportation at the
5 Guam International Airport in order to enter into the United States. At the time he presented the
6 passport and transportation letter, defendant knew that he had no right to use it.

7 (d) The defendant understands that notwithstanding any agreement of the parties, the
8 United States Probation Office will make an independent application of the Sentencing
9 Guidelines. The defendant acknowledges that should there be discrepancies in the final
10 sentencing guidelines range projected by his counsel or any other person, such discrepancies are
11 not a basis to withdraw his guilty plea.

12 5. The defendant acknowledges that he has been advised of his rights as set forth below
13 prior to entering into this plea agreement. Specifically, defendant has been fully advised of, has
14 had sufficient opportunity to reflect upon, and understands the following:

15 (a) The nature and elements of the charge and the mandatory minimum penalty provided
16 by law, if any, and the maximum possible penalty provided by law;

17 (b) His right to be represented by an attorney;

18 (c) His right to plead not guilty and the right to be tried by a jury and at that trial, the
19 right to be represented by counsel, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him,
20 and the right not to be compelled to incriminate himself, that is, the right not to testify;

21 (d) That if he pleads guilty, there will not be a further trial of any kind on the charges to
22 which such plea is entered so that by entering into this plea agreement, he waives, that is, gives
23 up, the right to a trial;

24 (e) Because this plea is entered pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure
25 11(c)(1)(B), the defendant understands that he may not withdraw his guilty plea even if the court
26 does not accept the sentencing recommendations of the government or his counsel;

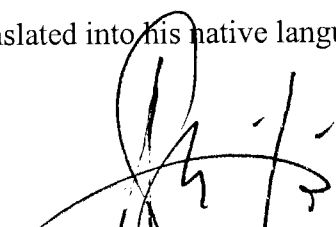
1 (f) That, upon entry of a plea of guilty, or thereafter, the Court may ask him questions
2 about the offenses to which he has pled, under oath, and that if he answers these questions under
3 oath, on the record, his answers may later be used against him in prosecution for perjury or false
4 statement if an answer is untrue;

5 (g) That he agrees that the plea agreement is voluntary and not a result of any force,
6 threats or promises apart from this plea agreement;

7 (h) The defendant is satisfied with the representation of his lawyer and feels that his
8 lawyer has done everything possible for his defense;

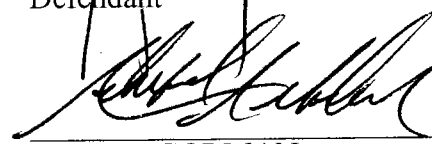
9 (i) That this plea agreement has been translated into his native language and he fully
10 understands it.

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12 DATED: 3/24/06



ARNEL S. ALIPIO
Defendant

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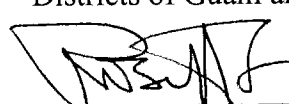


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